

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

After an action packed half term, St. Andrew's pupils and staff are now looking forward to half term.

Yr 2, 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and were extremely enthusiastic after their Educational Visit to Grimes Graves. Yr 1 and 2 have also enjoyed a historical theme, learning about Toys in the past and had an exciting visit to Strangers Hall.

As part of book week, Yr 6 joined their peers at their partnership schools, to spend the day with the inspirational author Stephen Davies. Stephen described the children as 'bright and engaged' and was sure he had spotted a children's author for the future amongst them! The week climaxed with all pupils and staff at St. Andrew's coming dressed as book characters!

A highlight of the last term was the visit by the Maasai Warriors to Key Stage 2 children at St. Andrew's. Children were in awe of their singing and dancing and vibrant costumes and keenly participated when requested.

Friends of St. Andrew's have also been active this term, organising a popular film night for pupils while raising funds for the school.

St. Andrew's now looks forward to exciting opportunities ahead after half term. These include Cross Country, Hi 5 netball and multi skills. The school also plans to hold a series of open mornings and afternoons for parents of prospective Reception children to visit, these are 1-2.15pm on Friday 7th November, 1-3pm on Monday 10th November or 9.30am-3pm on Tuesday 18th November.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to make an appointment to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!

St Andrew's Pre School

This term the children are looking at autumn colours and textures, so the Garden area is being very well used. We currently have 5 frogs living in our new garden bog area!

Pre School had an OFSTED inspection at the beginning of October and everyone is thrilled to have received a **good** report! (Congratulations all round!)

Our sessions are now all day, i.e. 8.45am-3.15pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays each week during school term time.

Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch to arrange a visit with a view to joining us. We offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside and can also help them to get to know the "big" school too. Do note that **all** 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free sessions each week.

As always, just drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if any reader has an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre school.

Lophams' Village Hall

The Osiligi Maasai Warriors event on 11th October 2014 was a sell out. The performers held the audience, especially the youngsters, transfixed by their display of songs and dances. When it came to the jumping competition the Lophams' representatives performed very well but couldn't quite match the height and style of the warriors. Everyone enjoyed this glimpse of another culture in the knowledge that, over the years, the money earned has been used to dramatically improve the lives of the people back home.

The Lophams' Bonfire and Firework Event is on **1st November**; the gates open at 6pm and the fireworks will start about 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 adult and £3 child, with a family ticket at £20. There will be soup, hot food and drinks in the hall and on site, plus stalls, so tell all your friends and come for a great night out.

Bonfire: Grateful thanks go to all those who have already brought burnable material along - the gates will be open from 10 - 2 each weekend until 1st November if you still have prunings etc., but **not** unsuitable materials. Environmental Health will be on the watch until the final day!!

The September Farmers' Market was a **Super Sausage Saturday**, with meat vendors providing tastes of their wares to a bumper crowd of purchasers. The chicken sausages were voted best on the day - Congratulations!

The Lottery is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. In September, the winners were:- 1st prize £186.00 - G Horan; 2nd prizes of £46.50 - P Wyer & D Hammond. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events. **Farmer's Markets** are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. **The November Market is on 22nd**. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235. **Judo** is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258). **Dog Training** is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information. **Lopham Art Group:** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details. **Yoga with P:** We hope will return in the autumn - watch this space!

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk.

Lophams' Ladies

At our October meeting, Mr Gerry Baxter, Pearly King of Streatham, enlightened and entertained us all with his talk, costume and photos detailing the history and traditions of the pearly Kings and Queens of London. Started as purely a means of raising money for charity, it is still the sole purpose of these generous folk today.

On November 4th we have invited Mr Patrick Barker to talk on "**Conservation and Farming**." There will be a **Bring and Buy stall** at this meeting. **December 2nd** is the date for our **Christmas Lunch**.

It was good to welcome visitors at our last meeting, as indeed we would always wish to welcome visitors and new members.

For further details phone 01379 687337.

Garden Club

Ian Limmer of Peter Beales Roses came to our last meeting on 1st October and showed us many slides and spoke to us about Peter and his life spent in horticulture. He told us about Peter's many achievements and how he and his family built up their business and made us realise how sorely he must be missed.

Our next meeting is on 5th November when Ian Carstairs will join us to talk about "**Cornfield Flowers**".

We shall not have our usual meeting in December but instead are looking forward to enjoying our **Christmas Dinner on 5th December**. This will once again be at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre and tickets will be available at our November meeting.

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

Samaritan's Purse - Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all those who are busy filling boxes - They need to be brought to Southlands, North Lopham by about 10th November to be sure of getting to their destination in time.

More information from Jennie, 01379 687679.

Lophams' Art Group - Art and Craft Sale

The Lophams' Art Group, along with selected local craft workers, will be holding their second Art & Crafts Sale at Lophams Village Hall on Friday 14th November 6pm - 9pm and Saturday 15th November 10am - 4pm. Free admission on both days with mulled wine and mince pies served on Friday evening and refreshments available all day Saturday. This year the event will be supporting Alzheimer's Research Charity, with the proceeds of the sale of Christmas cards produced by the group.

St Nicholas' Church

Methodist Service. Informal Methodist worship and Coffee Mornings are now being held in St Nicholas' Church at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 26th November is the date of the next one.

The **MacMillan Coffee Morning** in church on 26th September raised £146 for this worthy cause. Grateful thanks to everyone who came along.

Harvest Thanksgiving in North Lopham was on 12th October. Many thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest and an extra Thank You to the Wright family for the loan of two vintage tractors and a hand drawn plough to stand outside. These attracted lots of attention on the day. It was lovely to have children to share in the gifts procession and prayers at the Family Harvest. At the afternoon Harvest Praise, the Benefice Band shared in playing traditional harvest hymns as well as some of their own favourites, and we were grateful to Jayne Hinds for coming to lead our thoughts. After taking our harvest gift parcels, the groceries brought to the services were added to those from St Andrew's School and given to Diss Food Bank.

Special dates in November -

Friday 7th, from 2.30pm: **Welcoming the Revd Wendy Evans**, our part time Team Vicar, to North Lopham. The children from St Andrew's School will join local residents in St Nicholas' Church for their weekly Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm, to share in the welcome.

November 9th is **Remembrance Sunday**. There will be a Special Act of Remembrance at the 11am Family Service, when the names of all those from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars will be read.

Armistice Day itself - 11th November, will be marked by the Annual Ceremony at the village War Memorial at 11am, with the Royal British Legion Standard, veterans and local residents plus the older Juniors from St Andrew's School. The ceremony will have special significance in this, the centenary year since the start of the hostilities.

North Lopham Crib Festival - 26th to 30th November. The fourth Crib Festival will run from Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th, between 11am and 5pm, and on Sunday 30th, from 12 noon until 4pm, with another enormous variety of Cribs on show in the church, plus displays linked to the Jesse's Tree (you need to come to find out just what that is!) and an interactive corner for the young in heart... There will be refreshments and a stall with seasonal items too, so do make a note of the dates and come along.

At the end of the Festival, the Mary, Joseph and donkey figures will be sent on their journey round both Lophams', seeking a nights shelter with willing hosts - **Posada**. During November, a list will be displayed in the Church for those willing to join in the experience to sign up.

St Andrew's Church

On Friday the 7th November at 10am, we would like to invite all parishioners to St. Andrew's Church to welcome our new team Vicar the Revd Wendy Evans. Coffee and Cake will be served; we do hope you can join us.

On Sunday 9th November there will be a short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial conducted by the new team Vicar; the Revd Wendy Evans, where Wreaths will be laid. Please note that this Service will take place at 10am.

The Church Wardens and PCC **would like to thank** Peggy Cooper, Eddie Last and Peter Sare for their contribution towards the upkeep of the Churchyard, all their hard work has made a considerable improvement to the appearance of the Churchyard.

Coffee Morning. Just a reminder there will be a Coffee Morning in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 15th November, 10am – 12noon.

The Lophams' Society

The Lophams' Society Autumn Quiz was held on the 12th September and despite attendance being slightly down on our Spring Quiz, due probably to some of our regulars taking advantage of a late summer break, the evening was enjoyed by all and especially those who are new residents to the Lophams' and those who were first-time quizzers.

The next Lophams' Society event will be the **Christmas Drop-In** on **Friday 12th December** between 6pm and 9pm. This is a **Free** annual event where all Lophams' residents are invited to join us in the Village Hall for a buffet of festive food, mulled wine, music and carols and possibly a visit from Father Christmas. So please come along and join us in a little pre-Christmas get-together.

For further information on the Lophams' Society please contact Roy Clark on 01379 688408.

Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces. Do join us at the Village Hall on 3rd November at 2pm for some light hearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

North Lopham Parish Council

Next meeting 12th November 2014.

Lophams' Harvest Luncheon

A very happy crowd gathered at the Village Hall for the Lopham Churches Harvest luncheon on 21st September, sitting down to a delicious spread, which included ham, chicken thighs filled with stuffing and a sausage and a whole host of salads, followed by the traditional apple pie and ice cream. The raffle, which was drawn after coffee was served, helped boost the funds raised by the event to £306. The proceeds will be shared between the two churches. Grateful thanks go to all who helped with the cooking, setting up and clearing away - plus to those who came along.

Services for November

North Lopham	South Lopham
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2nd November

9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-

9th November

11am Fam Rem	10am Rem at WM
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16th November

11am Fam S	9.30am HC
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23rd November

11am Fam S	9.30am MS
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30th November

10.30am 5 th Sunday HC	at Diss
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18th NOVEMBER

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